

Public Involvement Plan Proposed Scope of Work -- FY 2001

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Project No.: PIP 12B
Capital Improvement Projects

Lead Agency: Bureau of Reclamation

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Title of Proposal: Coordination of public involvement related to:

Colorado River - Mainstem

Making efficiency improvements to the Government Highline canal as part of the Grand Valley Water Management Project—anticipate contract award in July 2000 to begin construction. Completion date of first phase estimated to be May 2001. Contract award for Phase 2 work estimated to be October 2001.

Constructing a fish screen at the privately-owned Grand Valley Irrigation Company's diversion canal—The GVIC's Board has approved proceeding with the design of the fish screen in their canal. Anticipate contract award in October 2001.

Restoring fish passage at the abandoned privately-owned Price-Stubbs Dam—Reclamation distributed Draft EA in April 99, passage and final environmental assessment on hold pending the Federal Regulatory Energy Commission's decision on the hydropower project.

Restoring fish passage at the Grand Valley Project Roller Dam—anticipate releasing a draft environmental assessment spring 2000

Colorado River - Gunnison River

Restoring fish passage at the privately-owned Hartland Dam—conceptual design alternatives report due May 2000. Reclamation has met with Hartland Irrigation Company (April 2000).

Strategies/Dates:

1. **Publications:** Produce and distribute-- news releases regarding where we are with the project(s); draft environmental assessments, where appropriate, for public review and comment; final environmental assessments and findings of no significant impacts where appropriate; newsletters when necessary. All publications to provide updated information to target audiences.

Responsibility: Public Involvement Specialist and Team Leader(s)

Completion Date: Ongoing

2. **Meetings.** Routinely meet with directly affected interests (water users) to discuss proposed project and gain mutual understanding and approval. Management staff regularly meet with local congressional staff to keep them up-to-date and aware of Recovery Program activities Reclamation is involved with in the area. Meetings are also held at least yearly with the head of the local Club 20 organization to keep them informed of Recovery Program activities as well. Meetings are held with any public who may be or think they may be potentially affected by our Recovery Program activity.

Responsibility: Public Involvement Specialist and Project Team Leader(s)

Completion Date: Ongoing

3. **Tours.** Working with the Fish and Wildlife Service, Reclamation conducts tours of Recovery Program fish passages, grow-out ponds, fish screens, habitat restoration areas, etc.

Responsibility: Public Involvement Specialist and other Recovery Program participants

Completion Date: Ongoing

4. **News Media.** Provide support for the I&E Coordinator on Recovery Program Activities in the area on an as needed basis helping promote the Recovery Program. May include displaying Recovery Program materials, helping with tours, news articles, news releases, etc.

Responsibility: Public Involvement Specialist

Completion Date: Ongoing

Budget:

Labor	\$ 28,500
Travel	\$ <u>1,500</u> (Includes quarterly I&E Committee Meetings)
Total	\$ 30,000

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